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Williamstown, Mass., Nov. 20, 1929

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secy
Am. Numismatic Soc -
156 ~~Street~~ & Broadway
New York City -

My dear Mr. Noe -

Among our honorary graduates is a Mr. William Poillon, at one time a vice president of the American Numismatic Society. Can you tell me if he is still living, or if not the date of his death, and also anything of interest you may know about his life and work?

Yours very truly -
Lilian M. Mahoney

November 21, 1929

Miss Lilian M. Mahoney
The Society of Alumni of Williams College
Williamstown, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Responding to your note of November 20th, I am copying below three paragraphs from our proceedings, which describe the connection of Mr. Poillon with this Society. He died shortly after I came to this Museum, but I remember having been informed that he had suffered financial reverses previous to which he had been considered well-to-do. I know that for many years he was connected with the clay and brickmaking industry at Woodbridge, New Jersey, and I believe that his wife carried on a "private kiln" after his death, but certainly after the destruction by fire of the manufactory with which he was connected. If this information give you anything that is of help I shall be very glad.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

"Mr. William Poillon, a life member of this Society since Nov. 11, 1869, and a member of the Council since 1906, passed away on April 12, 1918.

"Mr. Poillon served as Secretary of the Society from 1878 to 1885, as a Vice President from 1886 to 1893, as Historiographer from 1897 to 1900, and as Curator from 1906 to 1909, and Honorary Curator since that time.

"During his forty-nine years of membership his interest in the Society never wavered and he has willingly and enthusiastically devoted a vast amount of time to it. For a considerable time he has been our 'oldest member'"